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Kiro GLIGOROV YUGOSLAVIA
(Phonetic: GLEEgorov)

Member, State Presidency

Addressed as:
Mr. Gligorov

Kiro Gligorov, 54, a Macedonian, became a member of the newly formed State Presidency in July 1971 and a member of its advisory body on foreign affairs, the Foreign Affairs Council, in September. He is also a member of the powerful Executive Bureau of the Presidium of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia; this makes him one of the few people in his country, other than Tito, who hold top government and top Party posts at the same time. Gligorov was Finance Minister in 1962-67 and Vice President of the Federal Executive Council, a post equivalent to that of Vice Premier, from 1967 to 1969.

An influential economist, Gligorov is regarded as a leading official spokesman for economic reform in Yugoslavia. He has visited the United States on several occasions as his country's representative to meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and he took part in senior-level talks here in the aftermath of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968. Gligorov [redacted] is quick at catching up with the ideas of men higher up than he. He is capable and has the ability to formulate his views and ideas and to make them look simple--oftentimes when they are not. (b)(1) (b)(3)

Active in the Socialist Alliance of the Working People, the mass political organization of his country, Gligorov has also worked to promote the cultural and educational life of Yugoslavia. He and his wife, Nada, have three children.

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